



**FALLEN**

J.T.G.

We've always *hated* you, you *dirt bag!*

We don't need you anymore!

BAM!

THUD!

You scum! You're *nothing*... Your money's gone!

Your mama's old purse was under the back seat...

Here's your going away present!




**Bye, sucker!**



Is that guy wearing  
a woman's purse?


Let's check  
him out.



A black and white comic panel showing a man in a police uniform with a badge and glasses handing a card to a woman. The woman has her hands behind her back. The man is looking at the card.

That's my *mom's* purse.  
She... uh... let me borrow it.

Here's the owner's name  
and phone number.

A black and white comic panel showing a man in a suit and glasses talking on a mobile phone. He has a mustache and is looking thoughtful.

This is Officer Davis. We found an  
alligator purse with your name on  
it... Was it stolen?

Oh my goodness!  
That was six  
months ago. It  
disappeared  
when my boy ran  
away and took  
our car.

Have you seen my precious boy?  
His name is Bruce.  
We *love* him *so much*.




He was such an  
adorable baby.

Yes, ma'am, we have him in  
custody. He claims he *borrowed*  
your purse.




Oh... poor Brucey...  
Officer, is the \$26,000 still in it?



No, Ma'am! Do you want to press charges?

Oh heavens **NO!** Tell us where he is... I'll bail him out.

Here's the address, ma'am.




Your mom's flying here to bail you out.

Aren't you grateful?


**So what?**

©!!!☆☆ **NO!** I didn't *ask* to be born... It's *her* fault I'm here.




They never *did* earn my respect... **I HATE THEM!**

**Rotten brat!**




Oh Bruce... I'm **SO** happy my boy is safe. We're going home now.


I got a list of things I want you to buy for me... got my money?

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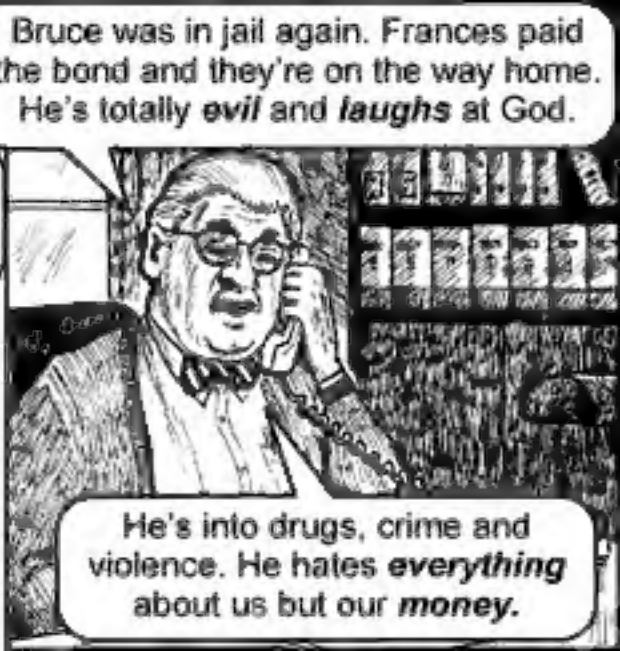
Hello, Bob Williams here.

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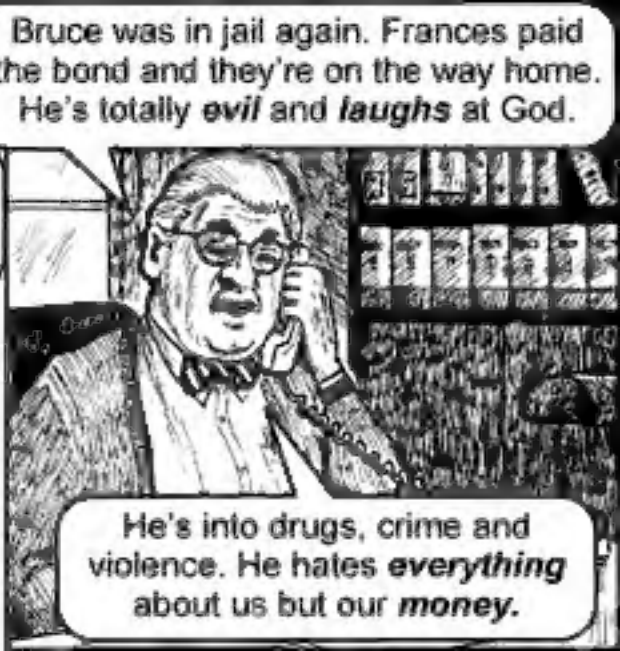
Bob, remember me? It's Henry Burke.

A black and white illustration of a man standing in a park-like setting with trees and a path. He is wearing a dark sweater and light-colored pants, and is holding a mobile phone to his ear. A speech bubble points to him from the left.

Yes, Henry... how are you and your family?


A black and white illustration of a man with glasses and a bowtie sitting at a desk in what appears to be a library or office. He is holding a telephone receiver to his ear. Behind him are shelves filled with books. A speech bubble points to him from the top.

Bruce was in jail again. Frances paid the bond and they're on the way home. He's totally *evil* and *laughs* at God.

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He's into drugs, crime and violence. He hates *everything* about us but our *money*.




A black and white comic panel showing a man with a mustache and a serious expression talking on a mobile phone. A speech bubble is positioned to his left.

Henry, he's in *trouble* with God. We'd better pray for him.

OK, Bob, I hope its not *too late*.

3 hours later

A black and white comic panel showing a woman in profile on the left and a man with glasses and a bow tie on the right. They are in a hallway with a door and a lamp in the background. Two speech bubbles are present.

He left me at the airport.

Honey, where's Bruce?

I gave him some money to buy clothes... he had to meet someone. He said, "I'll be home soon... *trust* me, mom."

Bruno... it's Frankie. Guess who's in my bar? It's Brucie baby.

I'll be *right over!*

click!

Bye, bye, Bruce!

20 minutes later

(Gasp!) It's **Bruno!**

*You little rat!*  
I *told* you I'd break your neck!

**Grab him!**







Back in those days you  
were such a tender boy  
before the Lord

But you never got  
saved. Then you let  
Satan get his hooks  
into you



I'm gonna tell you something  
that will save your neck

Why not? All I got is time  
and maybe not much of that  
(cough cough')

"A certain man had two sons And the younger of them said to his father

Father give me the portion of goods that falleth to me "



He was asking his dad for his inheritance, even before his father died. A *bad* move!

"And he (the father) divided unto them his living And not many days after the younger son gathered all together,



and took his journey into a far country and there wasted his substance with riotous living " Luke 15:11-13

He became a party animal. Bruce.  
The money slipped through his  
fingers like water




I love you, baby!

Let's take him for everything he's got

Before he realized it, he was  
broke and his "friends" took off

There arose a famine in the  
land. Bruce No rain, no food,  
no money the kid  
was *starving*... his  
friends *hated* him.



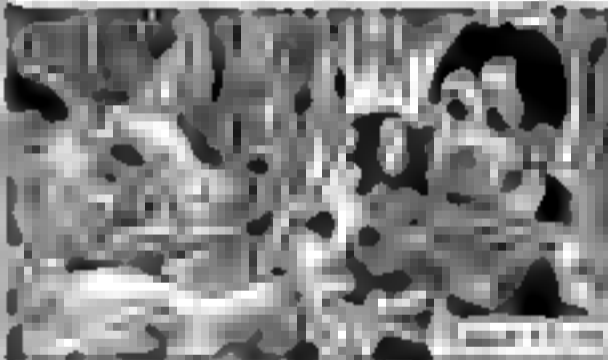
He begged for  
a job and finally  
got one a *terrible*  
job that no one wanted.

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How many hired servants of my father have bread enough and to spare and I perish with hunger



I will go to my father and will say Father I have sinned against heaven and before thee Luke 15 17 18

Then he said I am to make wrath to be called this will make me as one of the hired servants Luke 15 19



Bruce he realized how badly he had messed up it was time for repentance

Repentance? what is that?

That's being really upset and sorry for the rotten things you've done and being willing to turn from them

OK I see So what happened? Did the kid go home?

Yes

And he arose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him \*

My son was dead but now he's alive again!

\*Luke 15:20

*That's like God's love!*

You saying I'm like that kid with the pigs?

Yes, but you're *still* in the pig pen!

Hey man, I'm dying and I'm young! Is *that* God's love?

No, Bruce that's God's *JUSTICE!*

The Bible says. "Honor thy father and mother that thou mayest live long on the earth" \*

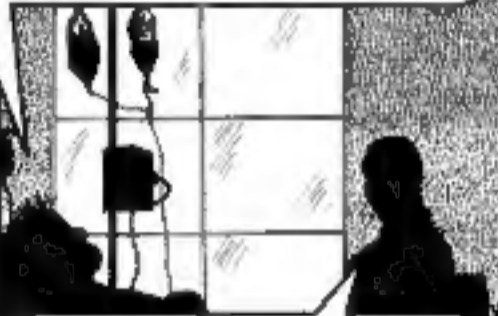
But you *didn't!* You treated them like **DIRT** and God's keeping His promise

You're going *down*, Bruce!

I'm *afraid* to die Bob!

\*Eph 6:2-3

As a little boy I loved God, but as a teen I hated Him and turned wicked. Does He hate *me* now?



You're *dead meat*, Bruce!  
The Bible says: "God is angry with the wicked every day."<sup>\*</sup>

<sup>\*</sup>Psalm 7:11

You're going to *hell* and Satan is laughing his head off.

Is there **NO** hope?

*Only the gospel...* but if I tell you, you'll laugh in my face...

like *you* did to your *mom*.

*No, no...* I promise!

This is your *last* chance, Bruce.  
Listen well! Jesus came to earth  
to suffer a horrible death so  
**YOU** could go to heaven.



God Almighty  
hung on a bloody cross with nails in  
His hands and feet — to save *you*.

He shed His precious blood to  
wash away *our* sins.

“For God so loved the  
world, that he gave his  
only begotten Son, that  
whosoever believeth in  
him should not perish,  
but have everlasting  
life.” (John 3:16)



He died, was buried and rose from  
the dead... *that's the Gospel!*

That's God's love gift to you, Bruce.  
If you believe the gospel you'll be  
saved... what's your decision?



Let me think it over.  
I'm really sick... come  
back tomorrow.

**Tomorrow** may be too late, Bruce!  
But I'll come back in the morning.

"Now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2

Bruce Burke died in his sins  
at 3:20 a.m. His soul was  
taken to a screaming hell...  
lost for all eternity.

You *heard* the gospel message.  
God *doesn't* play games.

**HEAVEN OR HELL...  
the choice is yours!**

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth  
the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in  
thine heart that God hath raised him  
from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Romans 10:9

## THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

### **NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!**

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

### **WHAT TO PRAY**

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

*If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:*

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

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